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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-18,  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.